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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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International Appln. No.: PCT/FR2004/001968

International Filing Date: 23 July 2004

For: A Bottom-to-Surface Connection Device
Including A Leaktight Flexible Joint Between A
Riser And A Float

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.